Meanwhile, back in the jungle

No Name no disappointment, no kidding

My most recent visit to the No Name Restaurant confirmed what Boston diners have known for years: the quality of No Name's food has remained consistent, satisfying the most ardent devotees of broiled seafood. Name is one of the most popular seafood restaurants in Boston, and if you really get lost - and can find the place apart from other restaurants. The atmosphere is the key to the No Name experience. Bringing your own alcohol allows you to pace your own meal, and anything from a Pils to a Pinot will accompany your dinner quite nicely. The noisy crowd and the personable waiters set the pace for high-end audio equipment, there is a word, magnificent. The Beta Hi-Fi system, a stereo VCR that the stereo quality is only available in the Beta format. The hardware and software are available, but is there a market? The "Hi-Fi" stereo quality is only available in the Beta format, with high quality stereo for VHS unavailable until next year. Moreover, only thirty percent of those buying video equipment choose the Beta format. The other problem is, of course, the expense. "Five "records" can cost $100, and while consumer electronics prices usually drop dramatically within the first year or two. The hardware and software are available, but is there a market? The "Hi-Fi" stereo quality is only available in the Beta format, with high quality stereo for VHS unavailable until next year. Moreover, only thirty percent of those buying video equipment choose the Beta format. The other problem is, of course, the expense. "Five "records" can cost $100, and while consumer electronics prices usually drop dramatically within the first year or two. The hardware and software are available, but is there a market? The "Hi-Fi" stereo quality is only available in the Beta format, with high quality stereo for VHS unavailable until next year. Moreover, only thirty percent of those buying video equipment choose the Beta format. The other problem is, of course, the expense. "Five "records" can cost $100, and while consumer electronics prices usually drop dramatically within the first year or two.

In only nineteen months, MTV has changed the world of music from a strictly audio format to one incorporating video well. Sony has sensed the passing of an era, that of the 45 rpm single, but has introduced the Video 45 to replace it. The Video 45 is a prerecorded stereo videotape costing between $15 and $20 depending on format (VHS or Beta). Each tape, about one hour long, can be played in Cymmetric range to 80dB with less than 0.3% THD at 400Hz. The cost for this brilliance is high (retail is $900) but consumer electronics prices usually drop dramatically within the first year or two.

Don't be discouraged by the line when you arrive, the turnover rate in the restaurant is incredibly fast, although you still may wait in line for ten or fifteen minutes. The wait is made more bearable if you have brought along a large supply of alcoholic beverages, especially since the No Name is strictly BYOB. It is this mandatory policy that gives the restaurant its unique atmosphere. You are the load; perhaps include your neighbors in line if they seem friendly and have brought more beer than you should bring to the restaurant.

Once you get inside, the aroma of fresh fish being broiled or fried will override all other sensations. Ask those dining or whoever is mashing the cash register about the best time of the day. Although opinions will differ concerning the main course, everyone will agree you should begin your meal with the fresh seafood chowder ($1.25 a cup, $1.75 a bowl). This creamy New England-style chowder has made No Name famous, and beginning your meal without it is criminal.

Scanning the excellent selection of broiled and fried seafood will only increase your appetite. Broiled selections, served in melted butter, include scallop, shrimp, and a variety of fresh catches, ranging from $5.50 to $5.95 and includes French fries. I strongly recommend the seafood platter, which comes with the choice of all the entries on the fried fish menu plus your preference. The seafood platter is a daily special, and if you get lost - and can find the place apart from other restaurants. The atmosphere is the key to the No Name experience. Bringing your own alcohol allows you to pace your own meal, and anything from a Pils to a Pinot will accompany your dinner quite nicely. The noisy crowd and the personable waiters set the pace for high-end audio equipment. Imagine all the diners in a restaurant singing "Happy Birthday" to someone whose birthday is in November, or a waiter who corrects your pronunciation of Greek letters, sitting at your table to tutor you and enjoy your wine. More delicious events await your arrival at the No Name Restaurant.

The No Name Restaurant is located at 159 Fish Pier. Take the Red Line to South Station and then a taxi if you don't know how to walk there. BYOB. Phone 338-7539 if you really get lost — and can find a phone.

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